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## Christmas Traditions

Contributed by Sue Stills

"It's the most wonderful time of the year!" During the weeks leading up to Christmas, much of the world takes on a magical glow, people seem merrier and even winter somehow feels cozy. Nearly everyone thinks about Christmas well before the day. Whether you are a young child writing a letter to Santa Claus, a parent buying gifts for your family and friends, a college student anticipating a holiday break back home, or a liturgy coordinator planning the décor and liturgy for the Christmas service, we are all very busy during December. Hopefully, we all anticipate a joyous remembrance of the birth of the Christ Child and plan to repeat our own family Christmas traditions, or maybe we plan to make new traditions.

Whether you are celebrating a religious festival like Christmas or Hanukkah, you are sure to have your own selection of rituals or customs. All across America, we most likely will find Christmas trees in homes, decorated with baubles that evoke memories, possibly with new ornaments to replace the ones that the baby or the cat found a little too interesting. It is a joy to drive through our neighborhoods, marveling at the multicolored lights that turn ordinary properties into sparkling places of beauty. Many families have the tradition of baking Christmas cookies for sharing and for enjoying at home. We enjoy hearing Christmas carols and attending Christmas pageants and musical performances. Many of us send Christmas cards to our family and friends. Indeed, sometimes the annual card is the only communication we have with some people, and I believe it is a way to let them know that they still matter in our lives. How about those Christmas movies? Some still evoke a tear or a "laugh out loud," no matter how many times we have seen them. We look forward to sharing a special meal with our family and friends.

Christmas traditions vary around the world. Here are several that I found interesting. Christmas traditions have been evolving for over 2,000 years, but until the beginning of the 19th century, the festive season remained a low-key affair in England. By the time Charles Dickens published his seasonal masterpiece *A Christmas Carol* in 1843, Christmas celebrations would have looked familiar to us with turkeys, charity, carols and decorations. Queen Victoria's German-born husband, Prince Albert, knew trees were a tradition of the season, and he may have been influential in bringing trees into homes, decorated with candles and homemade decorations. The Victorians expanded their decorations to include wreaths, ivy ribbons and mistletoe balls. By the 1880's, decorations were being mass produced. Although children often wrote messages to their family during the season, it was not until civil servant, Henry Cole, commissioned an artist to design a card for sale in 1843 that Christmas cards were first seen. At first expensive, advances in technology made printing the cards cheaper, and after the halfpenny postage rate was introduced in 1870, the Christmas card industry quickly took off.

One may view the most popular Christmas tradition, that of gift-giving, as having its roots in the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Three Wise Men, or Magi or kings, presented to the baby Jesus in the manger. It is generally thought the Magi came from Asia, Europe and Ethiopia. Many Ethiopians, however, believe that all three were Ethiopian. That country follows the Julian calendar which means they celebrate Christmas on January 7. People dress in white, with most wearing the traditional netela, a thin white cotton scarf with brightly colored stripes across the ends. It is draped like a shawl or toga and looks very kingly.

Here is more information about decorating fir trees. Pagan Europeans would bring a fir tree into the home during the winter solstice. Tree worship was common, and they would also decorate a living tree outdoors with candles and ornaments symbolizing the sun, moon and stars on the tree of life. In Scandinavia, people decorated their homes and barns with greenery for the New Year to ward off evil. Greenery also helped Europeans visualize the spring to come. It is not known exactly when Christians began to use fir trees as Christmas trees, but the cities of Tallinn in Estonia and Riga in

Latvia lay claim to the first documented use of a public tree at Christmas and New Year celebrations.

Advent, which derives from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," is the period beginning four Sundays before Christmas. In the 19th century, German Protestants counted down the days to Christmas by marking 24 chalk lines on a door and rubbing one off every day in December. Paper Advent calendars became popular in Germany in the early 20th century. Gerhard Lang is thought to have been the first to mass-produce them, inspired by one his mother made for him.

Poinsettias seem to be synonymous with Christmas. They bloom in the winter and are indigenous to central America, specifically to southern Mexico. A Mexican legend tells of a girl who had nothing but weeds to offer the baby Jesus at a Christmas Eve service. As she did so, they burst into bright red flowers. Ever since then, the flowers whose leaves are shaped like the star of Bethlehem, have been known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night.

On December 8, Colombia honors Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (meaning Mary was born without original sin) with a celebration called Night of the Little Candles. Colombians light up their homes and streets with millions of white and colored candles in patterned paper lanterns. In the United States, we see a similar tradition in the luminaria lining our neighborhood walkways, each consisting of a lighted candle or tealight in an open, sand-filled paper bag.

Many theologians believe the tradition known as midnight Mass originated with pilgrims to what is now Israel. In the late 4th century, a pilgrim from Rome joined a group of Christians in a vigil in Bethlehem on the night of January 5, Christmas Eve in the Eastern tradition. The vigil was followed by a torchlight procession to Jerusalem, culminating with a dawn gathering. When the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore was built in the 5th century, Pope Sixtus III introduced midnight Mass on Christmas Eve in the chapel, a tradition that has since spread to many Christian countries worldwide.

One of the most unorthodox Christmas Eve traditions can be found in Norway, where people hide their brooms. This tradition dates back centuries to when people believed that witches and evil spirits came out on Christmas Eve looking for brooms on which to ride. One of the best Italian Christmas traditions is that they celebrate for much longer, from December 8 until January 6, the 12th day of Christmas, known as the Epiphany when the Magi arrived at the manger in Bethlehem. Traditionally, Italians eat fish on Christmas Eve, rather than meat. Those who live near Rome may visit the Vatican for midnight Mass with the Pope, televised in St. Peter's Square. In addition to Santa's bringing gifts on Christmas, on January 6, la Befana, "The Good Witch," visits, filling stockings with candy for the good children and coal for the naughty children.

So Christmas traditions vary around the world. Many are familiar to us Americans, and it is interesting to learn of others. Whatever traditions you and your family enjoy at the Christmas season, may they bring joy and comfort to you, and may they be kept alive in the coming generations.

Sources: [www.ef.com](http://www.ef.com); [www.britain-magazine.com](http://www.britain-magazine.com); [www.lonelyplanet.com](http://www.lonelyplanet.com); [www.momondo.com](http://www.momondo.com); [citywonders.com](http://citywonders.com)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



**City of New Virginia**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**December 4 th , 2023**

The Council met in regular session on Monday December 4th, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. for the December council meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Huston with Council Members Galivan, Nelson, Strange, Taylor and Truman present. Strange arrived at the start of agenda item number 5 – law enforcement. Minutes from the November meeting and Treasurer’s Report were approved.

**Old Business Discussed:** Street repair in the 800 block of East Street has been completed. Paperwork for detailing the tree removal along North Street continues to be worked on.

**Citizen Input:** Now that the Christmas lights are on in Old Settlers Park, the Park lights need to be turned off. Also, the Christmas light across the street from the fire station is not working. Mayor Huston will contact Alliant Energy to have the lights in Old Settlers Park shut off and see if the crew can get the Christmas light across from the fire station working again.

**Water Utilities Discussed:** No new business to discuss regarding water utilities.

**Fire Department Business:** Fire Chief Jake Zuercher was present to discuss getting the pumps certified on Engine 762 and Tanker 761. Certification of the pumps will be scheduled. The inoperable condition of the foam ops system on Engine 762 was discussed. It will be scheduled to have the foam system checked out and repaired. Appointment of Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department for 2024 was discussed. Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to re-appoint Jake Zuercher Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department for 2024. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Appointment of Assistant Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department was discussed. Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to re-appoint Mike Bethards Assistant Fire Chief for the New Virginia Fire Department for 2024. A roll call vote was taken: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Law Enforcement:** The report summary from the Sheriff’s Office for the month of November was reviewed. Deputies received or initiated 25 calls for service during the month of November. Officers spent in excess of 39 hours in the City for the month. Officers patrolled in excess of 248 miles within the city limits for the month. Two citations and/or warnings were written for traffic/parking violations that occurred within the City of New Virginia proper. Sheriff Joe Carico was present to discuss a new Agreement and Contract for law enforcement services. The new Agreement/Contract would lock the rate at the same rate as this fiscal year (\$12,596) for fiscal year 2025, 2026 and 2027. The Agreement will be re-negotiated by the City of New Virginia and the Sheriff prior to the beginning of Fiscal Year 2028. Nelson moved, seconded by Truman to approve a new Agreement and Contract for law enforcement services between the City of New Virginia and the Warren County Sheriff locking in the rate at the same rate as this fiscal year (\$12,596) for fiscal year 2025, 2026 and 2027 by resolution. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Galivan moved, seconded by Strange to waive a thirty day hearing regarding a new Agreement and Contract for law enforcement services. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson to open the public hearing to pass and approve Resolution 2023-09 A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SALE OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY THAT PORTION OF PINE STREET RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH AND LYING ADJACENT TO AND WEST OF LOT 10, DAVIDSON’S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF NEW VIRGINIA, WARREN COUNTY, IOWA. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. With no citizens present to approve or disapprove and no written or email responses regarding the proposed selling of the above described portion of Pine Street, Nelson moved, seconded by Taylor to close the public hearing. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Taylor moved, seconded by Nelson to pass and approve Resolution 2023-09. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Correspondence was received today regarding the draft of the New Virginia Urban Revitalization Plan. Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to table any further discussion of the New Virginia Urban Revitalization Plan until speaking directly to the company about changes to the draft. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Two bids for snow removal from City streets, alleys and sidewalks for the 2023-24 season were received – Bortell Welding & CNC Plasma Cutting bid – 2 units with V-plows, \$100.00 per hour per unit. Huston’s bid – same as 2022-23 at \$85.00 per hour. After reviewing and discussing the bids, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to approve the Huston bid at \$85.00 per hour. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

The outdoor movie venue was discussed including the consideration of a car show/ drive-in movie night next summer.

**GAMP UPDATE**

No GAMP updates for the month. The person interested in cleaning GAMP Community Building has not been contacted yet. This will be done before the January council meeting. The code to get into the building will also be changed.

**KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM**

The interested parties for the mural project on the north side of the old hardware store will be reviewed, and an artist will be selected at the December meeting.

The 2024 Calendar will be planned at the December meeting.

Two people are getting licensed to be able to do fireworks for Old Settlers.

Truman moved, seconded by Taylor to approve payment of all City bills. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to come forth, Nelson moved, seconded by Galivan to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken: 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The January council meeting is scheduled for Monday January 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. **January meeting date – Monday January 8th, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

  
Jennifer Baughman, City Clerk



**Public Notice**

All City Water Payments need to be mailed or dropped off into the gray payment/drop box. This payment/drop box is located by the New Virginia Hen House and New Virginia Post Office.

Rental Rates		
Gerry Allen Memorial Park Community Building		
New Virginia, Iowa		
	N.V.City Limits	All Other Renters
Full Day Rental	\$125.00	\$150.00
Half Day Rental	\$ 75.00	\$100.00
Hourly Rental	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00

- Deposit \$125.00 due at time of reservation, rental fee due prior to event.
- All Non-Profits groups - there will be no rental fee.
- Signed rental agreement required.
- Certificate of liability insurance for rental over 50 people is required.
- All rentals require cleanup at the conclusion of their event.

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Jennifer Baughman 641-449-3492 for more information



**Recycling Dates**  
**New Virginia**

**December 29**  
**January 11**  
**January 25**

CLAIMS REPORT				
VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	CHECK #	CHECK DATE
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$498.66	15114	12/1/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$79.81	15109	11/16/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$149.08	15139	12/13/2023
BOUND TREE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$134.51	15110	11/16/2023
BOUND TREE	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$26.40	15121	12/5/2023
BRENT BAUGHMAN	MILEAGE	\$82.80	15122	12/5/2023
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES	OFFICE SUPPLIES FAX	\$608.21	15115	12/1/2023
CITY STATE BANK	GO BOND PAYMENT DECEMBER 2023	\$5,350.38	15116	12/1/2023
DANIEL'S SURVEYING	OTHER CONTR SERV SURVEY GAMP	\$260.00	15112	11/16/2023
HY-VEE	MEDICATIONS	\$6.00	15126	12/5/2023
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$108.06	16326495	12/3/2023
INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE -RHT	PUBLISH LEGALS	\$63.86	15111	11/16/2023
INDEPENDENT ADVOCATE -RHT	PUBLISH LEGALS AFR FY2023	\$191.25	15127	12/5/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$363.36	16326496	12/3/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$398.99	16326497	12/3/2023
J&L SANITATION	GARBAGE SERVICE - CITY	\$62.00	15128	12/5/2023
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$552.93	15113	11/16/2023
ONE BILLING SOLUTIONS LLC	AMBULANCE BILLING	\$690.86	15137	12/9/2023
LINDE GAS & EQUIPMENT INC.	OEPRATING SUPPLIES	\$41.82	15129	12/5/2023
SANDRY FIRE SUPPLY LLC	UNIFORMS CLEAR FACE SHIELD	\$354.00	15130	12/5/2023
WARREN CO AUDITOR'S OFFICE	ELECTION FEES	\$437.48	15131	12/5/2023
WARREN CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT	\$6,298.00	15138	12/9/2023
WASTE MANAGEMENT	RECYCLING	\$1,136.44	15136	12/7/2023
WEX FLEET UNIVERSAL	VEHCILE FUEL	\$482.16	15133	12/5/2023
WINDSTREAM	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	\$403.74	15134	12/5/2023
WINNER'S CIRCLE	AWARDS HUSTON/NELSON	\$183.00	15135	12/5/2023
<b>TOTAL GENERAL</b>		<b>\$18,963.80</b>		
ALLIANT ENERGY	ELECTRIC/GAS/STREET LIGHTS	\$1,165.33	15114	12/1/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	MILEAGE/SNOW REMOVAL	\$297.50	15125	12/5/2023
<b>TOTAL ROAD USE</b>		<b>\$1,462.83</b>		
ANCEL KENNEDY	SERVICE	\$125.00	15120	12/5/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$22.44	15109	11/16/2023
AT&T FIRSTNET	PHONE SERVICE	\$22.44	15139	12/13/2023
CITY STATE BANK	GO BOND PAYMENT DECEMBER 2023	\$4,400.62	15116	12/1/2023
DES MOINES WATER WORKS	WATER TESTING	\$15.00	15123	12/5/2023
HACH COMPANY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$280.00	15124	12/5/2023
HUSTON'S LAWN/SNOW REMOVAL	MILEAGE/SNOW REMOVAL	\$21.60	15125	12/5/2023
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX OCTOBER 2023	\$507.13	16326492	11/28/2023
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	\$98.42	16326495	12/3/2023
IOWA PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM	IPERS	\$293.36	16326496	12/3/2023
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	\$330.94	16326497	12/3/2023
WARREN WATER DISTRICT	WATER USAGE/LOAN PAYMENT	\$4,188.00	15132	12/5/2023
<b>TOTAL WATER UTILITIES</b>		<b>\$10,304.95</b>		
<b>GENERAL</b>		<b>\$1,948.87</b>		
<b>WATER</b>		<b>\$1,565.95</b>		
<b>Total Payroll Paid</b>		<b>\$3,514.82</b>		
<b>***** REPORT TOTAL *****</b>		<b>\$34,246.40</b>		



The time of year has come again to bring you, as a valued local business, special pricing to advertise in the Tri-Corner-Express. We take pride in offering you the opportunity to share your business' products and services with our communities, promoting local businesses as the go-to for all our communities' needs.

We have changed our ad sizes for the 2024 year.

Please see the descriptions below. The sizes listed in parentheses are approximate sizes.

The deadline for participation in this Special is:

January 10, 2024

2024 Special: Prepaid Year

With the prepayment of ten months of advertising, we are offering the months of November and December 2024 for free!

Business Card Ad (3 ½ in. x 2 in.) \$300.00/year (\$30.00/month)

Quarter Page Ad (5 in. x 4 in.) \$450.00/year (\$45.00/month)

Half Page Ad Horizontal (10 ½ in. x 5 in.) \$850.00/year (\$85.00/month)

Half Page Ad Vertical (5 in. x 9 ½ in.) \$850.00/year (\$85.00/month)

Full Page Ad (10 ½ in. x 9 ½ in.) \$1750.00/year (\$175.00/month)

#### 2024 Monthly Rates

Business Card Ad (3 ½ in. x 2 in.) \$30.00

Quarter Page Ad (5 in. x 4 in.) \$45.00

Half Page Ad Horizontal (10 ½ in. x 5 in.) \$85.00

Half Page Ad Vertical (5 in. x 9 ½ in.) \$85.00

Full Page Ad (10 ½ in. x 9 ½ in.) \$175.00

We accept pre-designed ads, or we can design an ad for you. Ads and advertising requests can be emailed to [tricorner@newvirginia.com](mailto:tricorner@newvirginia.com) or dropped off at our drop box at the northeast corner of the Hen House in New Virginia.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [tricorner@newvirginia.com](mailto:tricorner@newvirginia.com). You may also call Jennifer Baughman at 515-971-3897 or Terry Garner at 515-249-6371.

Thank you for your support,  
Tri-Corner-Express Committee

#### 2023 Tri-Corner-Express Ad Prices

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New Virginia, IA

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2 x 3 1/2 \$30.00

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5 x 7 \$85.00

10 x 7 \$175.00

Thank You's, Birth Announcements, Birthdays, & Anniversaries:

0 - 50 words = \$5.00 51 - 100 words = \$10.00

\$0.10 per word over 100 words \$5.00 for each photo

Obituaries and Weddings (Including one photo): \$40.00 \*

Additional photo(s) \$5.00 each

# Community Happenings

NEW VIRGINIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

## STEM kits Wednesday

Dec 27 @ 9am

Book Club Wednesday

December 20th at 4pm

Cribbage Every Wednesday at 2pm

*Library Hours:*

*Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-8pm*

*Wednesdays 9-11/1-8*

*Saturdays 9-12*

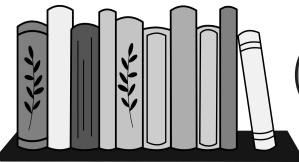
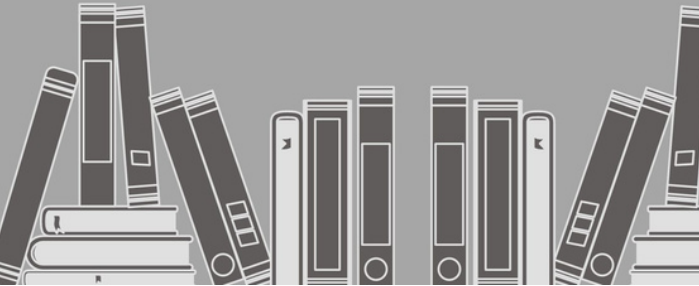
New Books for December

Just Once by Karen Kingsbury

The Mystery Guest by Nita Prose

Murtagh by Christopher Paolini

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### BOOK REVIEW

### A Mah Jongg Mystery by Violetta Armour

Myra, one of a foursome of Mah Jongg players, is found dead in her home under mysterious circumstances. Her fellow player and friend, Angelina, fancies herself as an amateur sleuth and requests to assist the detective, Guy, in trying to find out what or who killed Myra. In a second story line, hair stylist, Rhonda, discovers that her mother was adopted and does her own sleuthing to discover that Myra is her biological grandmother. The story unfolds to involve bribery, revenge and the desire for belonging and reveals what lengths a person might go to for acceptance, while Angelina and Guy's relationship proves that even late in life, there are second chances for love.

I purchased this book from the author, and she autographed it and wrote a message inside. Ms. Armour ("Vi") was one of six local authors in a "Meet and Greet" event I attended recently, sponsored by our local library group, the Friends of the Library. Reviewed by Sue Stills



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## FFA ALUMNI Pancake Breakfast

JANUARY 13, 2024

7-11 AM

AT ST. CHARLES PARISH

This event is a free-will donation.  
Funds will support chapter sponsorship & SAE projects.



### MISSING YELLOW LAB

Will answer to the name of Russell

He was last seen Friday November 3, 2023 at 1:30pm just north of Urbana Street between the New Virginia and Truro Interstate exits. If you have seen him please call 515-971-3897



### Truro Public Library

Tuesday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Wednesday 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - noon

### Check out this month's new books!

Inheritance by Nora Roberts

The Ball of Versailles

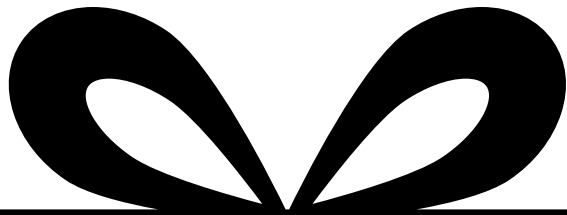
Cat Kid Comic Club Influencers by Dav Pilkey

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Looking for a great gift for someone who has everything? Give the gift of Gardening!

Madison County Extension and Warren County Extension are partnering to host Winter Master Gardener Training.

Cost for Master Gardener Training is \$150.

Classes will be held at Warren County Extension (200 W 2nd Ave, Indianola) on alternating Monday and Thursday evenings. The one-hour classes will begin at 6 pm.

Topics covered are as follows: botany, plant propagation, composting, trees, shrubs and turfgrass, sustainable landscape, pesticide safety, and animal ecology. Local professionals will be guest speakers at each class. At the conclusion of class, trainees have the option to volunteer at Rose Farm during "Farm School."

For more information about Master Gardener training, contact Lisa at 515-462-1001.

Wondering where to start or who to call?  
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## American Legion

New Virginia Chapter

Meets Second Thursday  
Of the Month at 7:00 P.M.

Breakfast Second Saturday  
7:00-10:00 A.M.  
Take-out available.

For Hall Rental  
Contact Roger Kitner.  
[515-230-8494](tel:5152308494)



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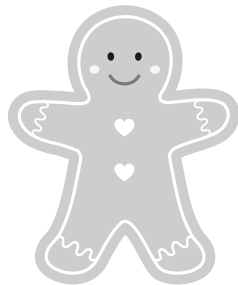


# SWEET MEMORIES

As a young believer, I remember going to Jamison Church for a Christmas Eve program. I think it was organized by Ruth Norris. There was some kind of service, Christmas songs, and Santa. I sort of thought about Frank Barnard when Santa was handing out our gifts. I remember Dad having to really gun the old Ford in order to make Jamison hill without shifting down. After the program, we would come home, and generally, Don and Evelyn Norris and their girls were there. There might be others if Frank or John were home from the service. There would be a lot of visiting and cookie eating. This always took place in the kitchen, and at about 10 p.m. someone would see a light coming over Jamison hill. It was Santa, and we little kids were shoed off to bed. The cookies and milk were gone in the morning, and I've always wondered how he got down that hot stove pipe. That was a long time ago. -Mel Stills

We did not have a chimney down which Santa could arrive at our house when I was a kid. Dad told my three brothers and me that Santa could come through the back door (we never locked our door back then). But where could we hang our stockings? So my Dad erected a cardboard fireplace kit, composed of red "bricks," complete with a mantle. There was a piece on the floor with a red cellophane "fire" and a small red bulb behind it. The bulb rested in a metal frame with a pointed part on which a piece was balanced that looked like a windmill vane. When the bulb was plugged in, the heat from it made the vane rotate, giving a flickering effect behind the cellophane. Pretty tacky, but we kids enjoyed it. - Sue Stills

A Christmas memory - When I told a brother and my truth, (There is probably more than one lesson here!) We were eight years old, and my mom probably took us shopping separately so we could buy a gift for each other without the other one knowing what they were getting. Well, of course, at that age, you can hardly wait for Christmas Day to open your packages. Suspense was high, and we just didn't think we could wait any longer, so we cooked up a plan where "I'll tell you what I got for you if you tell me what you got for me." My being the big sister and a know-it-all, I made him go first. I remember us cupping our hands and whispering in each other's ear what we had gotten for the other. No one else was around, but this being highly secret, we took all precautions! I can't tell you what I bought for him, because I bought for him, or even what I told him I bought for him, but I made up some big lie about his gift, because I wanted him to be surprised on Christmas Day. And guess who WASN'T surprised on Christmas Day? Yep, you guessed it, ol' Bossy Flossy learned her lesson. I always loved that big white stuffed dog and saved it for many years, not only because my brother gave it to me, but also because it taught me a valuable lesson. Peeking is not all it's cracked up to be! P.S. And the big white stuffed dog? One of my dogs finally chewed it up later. Irony about 50 years later. - Terry Garner



The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their November 8, 2023, meeting at 7:00 PM at the Lions Hall in New Virginia. Brady Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:00. Roll call was, "What is your favorite thing about Thanksgiving?" Brianna Fantz read the secretary's report, and Jaden McDonald gave the treasurer's report. This month's old business discussion was about:

- Year pins- will be presented in January.
- Static exhibit premiums-The club voted to have the extension office mail premium checks to the members for static exhibits shown at the county fair.
- Thank you letter for helping at Lions Stand

The review of the monthly county newsletter began the new business, sparking conversation about upcoming dates:

- Newsletter: Awards Night Sunday, November 19; ceremony at 4:30
- 4-H Clover Kids enrollment open to complete online; late fee due by November 15
- Intermediate Leadership team open to 7-9th graders; will teach leadership and will help the community; meetings first Sunday of each month
- Senior 4-H open to 9-12th graders; first meeting Sunday, November 5

Other new business:

- Would you want to have a \$10 gift exchange at the next meeting? Club voted Yes.
- Would the club like to adopt a family for Christmas? Club voted Yes.
- Would officers like to have a planning meeting? Club voted Yes.
- Would we like to help kids make ornaments and coloring pages at the Lions Christmas Celebration on December 10? Club voted Yes.

- Induction of new officers
- December Host: Everybody brings something to share.
- December Presentation: Nora and Jeta

Blake Erickson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rosemary Seward seconded. The presentation was by Blake. His presentation was about his rabbit Casey. The next meeting is December 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.



The Virginia Boosters 4-H Club held their December 13, 2023, meeting at 7:00 PM at the Lions Hall in New Virginia.

Brady Streeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Roll call was, "What is your favorite Christmas tradition?" Brianna Fantz read the Secretary's report, and Jaden McDonald gave the Treasurer's report.

This month's old business:

Static exhibit premiums received.

The monthly county newsletter began the new business:

- \* 4-H Record Book Awards-Congratulated youth
- \* Poultry workshop February 3, 2024, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- \* Rabbit workshop January 23, 2024
- \* Valentines Service Project, starting December 4 return by February 1, 2024
- \* 4-H Scholarships

\* Warren County Extension Weather Policy: Office closed when school is closed or late start.

Any other unrelated to newsletter business:

- \* Should we do the Valentines Service Project? Club voted yes.
- \* Thoughts on the Lions Christmas celebration? Had a good turnout; the kids enjoyed it and had fun.
- \* Should we reimburse Brenda for Christmas ornaments for Lions Christmas celebration? Club voted yes.
- \* Would the club like to have a petting zoo for the Ag Club Kids at I-35? Club voted yes
- \* Would the club like to have a bake sale during the New Virginia Easter Egg Hunt in the spring? Club voted yes.
- \* January Host: Payton and Jaden McDonald
- \* January Presentation: Brady Streeter and Ella Scott

Charlotte Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Blake Erickson seconded. The next meeting is January 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.





# CITY OF ST CHARLES

## 4 December 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes

The St. Charles City Council met at City Hall on Monday, 12/4/2023, for a regular meeting. Mayor Dennis Smith called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

Council members Tom Blomme, Dan Kozak, Megan Allison, and Whitney Hutton were present along with nine guests. Council member Lois Stanley was absent.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve the agenda. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes for Council Meeting from 11/6/2023 and 11/14/2023: Motion made by Whitney Hutton/Dan Kozak to approve the minutes. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of November Treasurer and Budget Reports: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve the treasurer and budget reports for November. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Approval of December Bills: Motion made by Tom Blomme/Dan Kozak to approve the December bills. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Sheriff's Report: During November there were 45.12 patrol hours, 9 calls, and 6 traffic stops.

### City Boards/Committees:

Sewer Report: Rhonda Guy presented a sewer report.

Maintenance Report: Work on Imes Park/City drainage has begun. One of the sewer lines near the drainage work may need some additional repairs.

Fire/Rescue Department: November minutes were presented by Rick Schaffer.

Library Board: Margaret Blair presented the Library minutes. Santa will be at the Library on December 9th.

Welcome Center: Amara Huffine from the Madison County Chamber discussed the past year and the number of visitors to the Welcome Center. The Welcome Center has seen an increase in visitors. Mary Seibert submitted Tourism Board minutes. The City Council agreed the City should cover normal maintenance of the Welcome Center as they do with all City buildings. The Tourism Board will fundraise for additional costs.

Emergency Management: The November report was submitted.

Clerk's Report: Clerk asked about filling a hole in the road after a sewer tap. The hole is to be filled with clean rock. City Hall hours may be reduced the week between Christmas and New Year's.

Cash/Check Handling Procedures: A motion by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve the Cash and Check Handling Procedures. R/C vote was unanimous.

Procurement Policy: Motion by Whitney Hutton/Tom Blomme to approve the Procurement Policy. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 12A-2023 Procurement Card Program: Motion by Megan Allison/Dan Kozak to approve the Procurement Card Program. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 12B-2023 Conflict of Interest Policy: Motion by Tom Blomme/Dan Kozak to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 12C-2023 FEMA Matching Funds: Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to approve the required 5% matching funds for the FEMA Grant received by the Fire Department. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 12D-2023 Plat of Survey for Todd Dickinson: Motion by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve the Plat of Survey for Todd Dickinson pending the approval of Hannah Folkers. R/C vote was unanimous.

Resolution 12E-2023 Plat of Survey for Todd Dickinson and Caleb Folkers and Hannah Folkers: Motion by Tom Blomme/Megan Allison to approve the Plat of Survey for Todd Dickinson pending the approval of Hannah Folkers. R/C vote was unanimous.

Tri-Corner Express: Motion by Megan Allison/Tom Blomme to continue publishing in the Tri-Corner Express at the same level as the previous year. Voice vote was unanimous.

2024 Council Meetings and Holidays: After changing two dates, a motion by Whitney Hutton/Dan Kozak to approve the revised 2024 Meeting and Holiday Calendar. Voice vote was unanimous.

Nuisance Reviews: Another letter will be sent to a nonresponsive property.

Public Forum: No Public wished to speak.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: No new business

Motion by Dan Kozak to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm.

The next City Council meeting will be on January 8, 2024, at City Hall.

Dennis Smith, Mayor Attest: Tracy Kozak, City Clerk

Posted at: City Hall, Post Office, Montross, and Library



## The Caring Neighbors Circle Meeting Minutes

The Caring Neighbors Circle met November 13 for their last quarterly meeting, writing their \$50 check to the parent organization, St. Charles Community Foundation. This organization in turn gives back to the community, giving grants that will be announced at the St. Charles Christmas Celebration on December 9th. Since 2018, SCCF has awarded over \$16,300 to projects and organizations in the St. Charles community. Examples include:

St. Charles Parks and Recreation restrooms and tetherball  
I-35 Community Schools mental health services and STEM nights  
St. Charles Fire Fighters Association turnout gear  
I-35 Shooting Sports scholarships and equipment  
St. Charles Public Library newspaper preservation  
St. Charles Manor gutter replacement and digital locks  
St. Charles Old Settlers Park benches  
I-35 Booster Club record display boards

To get the Caring Neighbors Circle members in the holiday spirit, they brought unwrapped stocking stuffer gifts to add to the 30-40 stockings prepared/given out to community members by the St. Charles Parish, led by Stacy Young and her many "elves."

Since 2020, Caring Neighbors Circle has gifted \$27,850 to community organizations such as Boy Scouts Troop 119, I-35 Youth Soccer, I-35 Better Together T-shirt fund, St. Charles Manor, and St. Charles Parks.

***Interested in becoming a "Caring Neighbor?" Check out Caring Neighbors Circle on Facebook for membership form and more information about how CNC is making a difference.*** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100077120749279>

Next quarterly meeting: March 11, 2024.



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## I-35 Drama 2023 Fall Play - “An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas”

On Friday, November 17, and on Saturday, November 18, the I-35 Drama Department proudly presented this year’s Fall play “An Enchanted Bookshop Christmas” to help get everyone in the holiday spirit.



This lighthearted production took place in the enchanted bookshop A Likely Story, in which the fairytale book characters came to life every night thanks to the magic of the mischievous Book Fairy (Daisy Lorton, 7th).

The story takes place four days before Christmas, and Miss Margie (Reagan Trost, 10th), the scatterbrained owner of the shop, is thrilled to have two very special guests, her serious-minded sister Ellen (Karlee Stuart, 10th) and book-loving niece Annabelle (Hailey Cormeny, 9th). Ellen was recently laid off from her position as an astronomy professor, and she’s certain she’ll never find a job again. Her luck changes, however, when high-tech billionaire Phoebe Brantley (Brianna Fantz, 10th) stops in at the shop and Margie convinces Phoebe to hire Ellen for her new space project. With Ellen out shopping, Margie has a brainstorm to wrap the bookmark that Phoebe wrote her phone number on and give it to Ellen as a Christmas present. However, when the present disappears, it’s up to our come-to-life book characters, including the Nutcracker Prince (Elliot McMichael, 8th), Tom Sawyer (Emi Gutierrez, 7th), Dorothy Gale (Gracey Carico, 10th), Pollyanna (Libby Stuart, 12th), Doctor Doolittle (Evolett Wells, 7th), Amy March (Piper Wernli, 7th), The Little Match Girl (Morgan Downs, 8th), Jim Young (Sean Wilson, 7th) and wife Della Young (Zaylee Gutzmer, 7th), and Christmas staple Ebenezer Scrooge (Justin Bennett, 6th) to solve the mystery of the missing bookmark and save the day for Ellen, all without giving away their magical existence.



*Left, Gracey Carico as Dorothy and Emi Gutierrez as Tom Sawyer discuss Christmas gifts for each other.*

In addition to the on-stage cast, a few new leadership roles were introduced to help bring the performance together. Our first-ever Student Director, Mackenzie Maiers, 7th, directly assisted Director Heather Wells and Assistant Director Amanda Geddes and helped lead the cast and crew through rehearsals and the performances. We also implemented a Set Lead, Camille Hutton-Edwards, 6th; a Lights and Sound Lead, Alyssa Weinstock, 7th; a Prop Lead, Ivey Maske, 6th; as well as our crew members Tailia Naggarr (10th) on stage lights, Faith Reisinger (6th) and Carly Gehringer (6th) on spotlights, our set and sound crew member Lily Edwards (6th), Macean Jones (6th) on props, Nataley Brillon (6th) on costumes, and Alexis Crawley (6th) managing the curtain during performances!



*Above, the fairy tale characters discuss how Scrooge (Justin Bennett) saved the day.*

A great deal of time and hard-work goes into preparing for any drama production, and each student spent several weeks and countless hours preparing. They were all delighted by the wonderful turnout at both shows. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the performances, and we are already



beginning preparations for our Spring performance of “The Bachelor King” on March 22 and 23.

*Left, the Little Match Girl (Morgan Downs) and Amy March (Piper Wernli) talk about the joys of Christmas gift-giving.*

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HAPPY  
*Holidays*



I-35’s Growing Band Showcases Their Skills

On Monday, December 8, 2023, the I-35 Bands, directed by Mr. Nick McKinney, showcased their skills at the Winter Band Concert. The evening began with the 5th grade students demonstrating the skills they have acquired over the last several weeks of band practices, and walked the audience through their learning process. The students then showcased their talents by playing selections from their “Essential Elements” band book by Lautzenheiser. These students already show a great deal of potential and with Mr. McKinney’s guidance will become valuable members of the ever-growing band program.

Following the 5th grade band, the 6th grade students took to the stage to show their progress over the last year. The students played three songs which included “Starsplitter Fanfare” by Brian Balmages, “Tadpoles” by Randall D. Strandridge, and a very unique piece entitled “Santa’s Noisy Workshop” arranged by Larry Clark which included an unusual instrument - a power drill!

After the 6th grade band, the combined 7th and 8th grade band took their turn in the spotlight. These young musicians played three songs to demonstrate their most recent growth - “African Bell Carol” by Rober W. Smith, “Amber Skies” by Jonathan McBride, and “Nightfury” by Carol Brittin Chambers.

Following the younger musicians, the high school band was ready to showcase their skills. The talented high school students played “Let Heaven and Nature Sing!” by Robert W. Smith, “Moon of Winter” by Vince Gassi, and “Wintertide” by Randall D. Sandridge.

Between each song, preselected students introduced the arrangement, discussing the composer and providing context to each piece which allowed the students ownership in the concert and their music. The I-35 Band program currently has 106 students, and each of them is becoming more comfortable in front of an audience and on stage. Each musical selection showcased all the students’ talents; audience members were able to see the incredible growth of our young Roadrunner musicians over the last two years. Audience members were even given a sneak peek of the new marching band uniforms for which the I-35 Band students have been fundraising. To date, the students have raised over \$10,000 towards their goal of \$25,000 for new marching band uniforms. Mr. McKinney indicated that they hope to have all the necessary funds to purchase the new bandit uniforms within the next two years.

Thank you to everyone who attended the concert and a huge thank you to the community for all their support!



Upcoming Events

Come out and support the ROADRUNNERS over the next few weeks!!!

Thursday, Dec. 14	B/G Basketball at Chariton
Friday, Dec. 15	G Wrestling at Pleasantville
Friday, Dec. 15	B Basketball vs. Woodward Academy
Saturday, Dec. 16	G Wrestling at Southwest Valley
Saturday, Dec. 16	B Wrestling at Southeast Polk
Monday, Dec. 18	5-12 Choir Concert
Monday, Dec. 18	School Board Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 19	B/G Basketball vs. Earlham
Tuesday, Dec. 19	G Wrestling at West Marshall
Thursday, Dec. 21	B/G Basketball vs. West Central Valley
Friday, Dec. 22	Elementary Girls Lock In
Saturday, Dec. 23	B Wrestling at Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont
Monday Dec. 25	Winter Break--No School
Wednesday, Jan. 3	Classes Resume
Thursday, Jan 4	B Wrestling vs. multiple schools
Friday, Jan. 5	B/G Basketball vs. Pleasantville
Saturday, Jan. 6	G Wrestling at West Central Valley
Saturday, Jan. 6	B Wrestling at Atlantic
Tuesday, Jan. 9	G Wrestling at Pella
Tuesday, Jan. 9	B/G Basketball at Van Meter
Wednesday, Jan. 10	Elementary Assembly
Thursday, Jan. 11	B Wrestling at Pleasantville
Friday, Jan. 12	Girls Wrestling at Perry
Friday, Jan. 12	B/G Basketball at Woodward-Granger
Saturday, Jan. 13	B Wrestling at Woodward Granger
Monday, Jan. 15	B/G Basketball vs. Southeast Warren
Monday, Jan. 15	G Wrestling at Panorama
Thursday, Jan. 18	B Wrestling at Van Meter
Friday, Jan. 19	B Basketball at Woodward Academy
Saturday, Jan. 20	B/G Wrestling RICH GRAY

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On December 4th, a retirement ceremony was held for Norville Huston, 50 years of service, and Brian Nelson, 24 years of service, to honor their dedication to the community of New Virginia. Norville served the community in 1974 as water plant operator, in 1978 as a police officer, followed by 30 years on the Fire Department. He was Fire Chief 13 of those years. He served as Mayor for the past 24 years. Brian Nelson was a volunteer in the Fire Department, on the Old Settlers Committee, in other local volunteer groups and as a City Council member. Brent Baughman presented both men with a plaque and an official retirement order from the City of New Virginia.



It is time for meaningful greetings, not the worn-out Happy Holidays. Use MERRY CHRISTMAS with gusto. MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all.  
GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS.

Do you remember when local churches would have Christmas Eve services with Santa available to bring joy to the little ones? There will be sadness for many local families, and please don't forget these names, many here, but not all: KEN, WAYNE, RICHARD, JANEN, SUE, and GERALD. GOD BLESS those I forgot.

God bless you all with love.  
Merry Christmas from Jerry Stansell.



The New Virginia ELF Club members have had a fun time lighting up Old Settlers Park for the 2023 holiday season. We had two additional elves help decorate and would like to thank Archer and Penny for all their help.

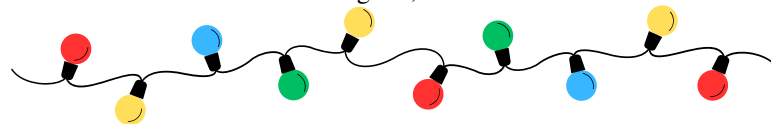
If you would like to share your photos of family and friends at the park, you can send them to [k2peas@gmail.com](mailto:k2peas@gmail.com), or share on our Face Book page [www.facebook.com/NVELFClub](http://www.facebook.com/NVELFClub),

We have received donations from the following businesses and community members. A big shout out for those for their generous contributions to light up the beautiful Blue Spruce!

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Next year our goal is to add the tree topper. Again, THANK YOU for your donations. You made it happen!!!!

Donations can be made at City State Bank in New Virginia or mailed to:  
New Virginia ELF Club  
1051 Starline Avenue  
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*Happy Holidays*

*From the 1-35 Girl Scouts*



We hope everyone has a joyous holiday season with family and friends! We are looking forward to more fun and adventures in 2024! We were happy to participate in the New Virginia Tree Festivities! We appreciate your help supporting the Ronald McDonald House Charities by collecting pop can tabs! Annually, the Girl Scouts tour the house and learn all about what their efforts of collecting tabs support. You can turn in the tabs to any Girl Scout! Questions or for more information about your local Girl Scouts contact:  
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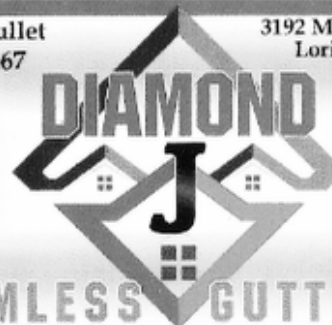
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## FARM TRANSITIONS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN AMES FEB. 8-9

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November 16, 2023, 12:30 pm | Kitt Tovar Jensen

AMES, Iowa – The 2024 Farm Transitions Conference will be held Feb. 8-9 at the Gateway Hotel and Conference Center in Ames.

More than 15 presenters including attorneys, farm management experts and farmers will offer two full days of presentations on a wide variety of topics related to farm transitions and estate planning. The conference theme is “Sowing Success,” and the event is hosted by the Beginning Farmer Center at Iowa State University.

The first day, Feb. 8, will focus on transition planning, and the second day will focus on estate planning.

Kitt Tovar Jensen, manager of the Beginning Farmer Center at Iowa State, said the program is designed to help attendees navigate the complexities of a family business and facilitate connection to the various professionals, governmental agencies and agricultural organizations that can offer support.

“The success of your farm depends on your ability to make decisions with the information available to you,” she said.

The program is for beginning farmers as well as those looking to transition their farm to the next generation, and also those who simply want to review their current farm transition plans. There will be new content and sessions this year, so even if you attended in the past, plan on learning something new.

### Topics and sessions

During the estate planning sessions, presenters will talk about the importance of estate planning for all farms and family situations. Topics will include the basics of wills, trusts, the probate process, taxes, farmland appraisals and strategies for communication and mediation.

The second day will also include a discussion with retired farmers Kathy and Caroll Hoksbergen, who will share their personal experiences about farm transitions and journey to find a farm successor.

“I’m really excited to hear from both sides of the process. Speakers include professionals working in this area as well as those who have gone through a farm transition and can speak from personal experience,” said Tovar Jensen, who is also a staff attorney with the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation at Iowa State. “This year’s conference will provide practical advice that people can put to use, and hopefully we can help some folks avoid mistakes and family disputes by thinking proactively and constructively.”

Both days include time for networking with other attendees and presenters.

“I want to make sure people can connect to the professionals who are here,” she said. “I really want people to feel empowered to take the next step in their farming operations after they leave the conference.”

All participants will receive a complimentary copy of Estate and Succession Planning for the Farm, a 100-page workbook published this fall by ISU Extension and Outreach.

Register online at Your paragraph text. For more information, visit the Beginning Farmer website. Tovar can be reached at 515-357-6680 or [kwtovar@iastate.edu](mailto:kwtovar@iastate.edu)



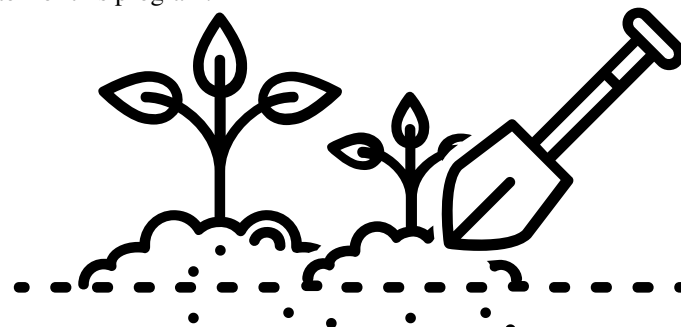
## Private Pesticide Continuing Instruction Course

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Madison County will offer two opportunities to attend the Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (P-CIC), led by Extension Field Agronomist, Meaghan Anderson. Both sessions will be Feb. 29 at AgriVision Equipment in Winterset. The first session will begin at 9:30 am; the second session at 1:30 pm.

The course will run for approximately 2 ½ hours including check-in and breaks. This class will fulfill 2023-2024 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Covered topics include:

- Application equipment use, maintenance, and calibration.
- Safe application techniques and pesticide drift reduction
- Pests, pest management, and pesticides

Pre-registration is required by Feb. 26. The registration fee is \$30. Call Lisa at 515-462-1001 to register for this program.



## Annual Think Spring Garden Seminar to be held February 24th, 2024!

Think Spring is the perfect gift for the garden enthusiast on your holiday list!

Join over 100 garden enthusiasts who listen to inspiring speakers, win door prizes, enjoy shopping with vendors and a delicious catered lunch. Master Gardeners earn 4 CEU credits for attending.

Featured speakers include Jessica Lancial (Mushrooms), Dan Fillius (Getting the Dirt on Soil), Ajay Nair (Vegetable Gardening) and Emma Hanigan (Replacing Ash, Planning for Future Forest).

The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2024, and will be held in Hubbell Hall at the Kent Campus Center on the Simpson College campus. Doors open at 8:30 am and the event runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Parking is available in the lot adjacent to the building, and on nearby streets.

Warren County Master Gardeners host this fun event to raise funds to provide the educational seminar as well as provide grants and educational opportunities to non-profit organizations.

Ticket prices are \$50 through January 31st. Registration closes January 31st.

Go to <https://go.iastate.edu/KBW2WW> or use the QR code to register.

For questions, please contact Bethany with the ISU Extension office at 515-961-6237 or [bcecot@iastate.edu](mailto:bcecot@iastate.edu)



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## JESUS' RIGHT HAND

It has been said that we never quit learning. As we grow and mature, life's lessons may change, but the process of learning never ceases. You would think that the huge moments in our lives are the moments with the most valuable lessons. But many times, God chooses to teach us using the smallest and most ordinary moments in our lives. This week, it was a lesson that I learned through a plant, a pot, and a nice sunny spot.

We have a large window with a deep ledge in David's Room, our newest area of expansion here at Jesus' Right Hand. This window faces the east and seemed kind of empty, so shortly after we officially opened this room, I decided to fill the void with a plant that had recently been given for David's memorial service that week. It was a rather ordinary Peace Lily, but it held some significance in our hearts and seemed to fit rather nicely in that location.

Over the next year and a half, this plant was largely ignored, thriving on neglect and the warm morning rays as the sun came up over the edge of the buildings across the street. Sometimes it would begin to wilt beyond recognition because we forgot to water it on time, but it would always pop back to life within a few hours of receiving a nice, fresh drink. But recently, we noticed that it wasn't looking too good, and some of the leaves had begun to yellow and die. It was just a plant after all, but it held some significance in our hearts, and we just couldn't stand to let it go. I asked a good friend who has a green thumb if she would mind taking it home to nurse it back to health. She showed me photos of her progress and told me that our Peace Lily's problem was that it was root bound. In one photo, all you could see was a mass of white roots that was formed into the shape of the pot in which this plant had been. She explained that she had carefully separated this one plant into sections, untangling roots and repotting it into separate pots. She was going to let these plants sit in the sun for a few weeks to recover and begin to grow anew and would bring them back to us when she felt they were going to be OK in their new living accommodations.

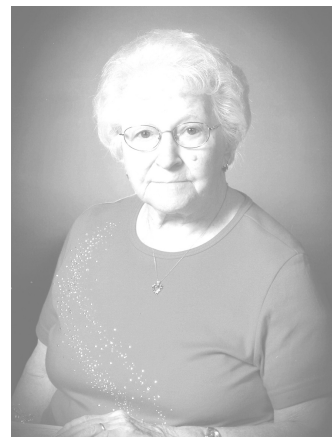
So, this past Tuesday, "Little David" (as this plant was nicknamed) came back to Jesus' Right Hand in four separate pots, beautiful, and healthy and thriving. I'm sure the process of repotting was rather traumatic for him, but in the hands of a skilled gardener, it was necessary, and it saved his life. It did a lot for those of us here at the ministry who have sappy, sentimental hearts.

The life lesson that came to me this morning was that, like this plant, we often become comfortable in our life, sitting in the warm sun in a place where we feel safe and secure. However, as we grow and mature through the years, we too become "root bound," unable to grow beyond the pots in which we have grown comfortable. Then it becomes necessary for the Master Gardener to pull us out of that situation and lovingly and carefully untangle what we have created in our comfort zone. This change isn't pleasant and comes as a shock, but in His infinite wisdom, God knows what is best for us. He puts us in new positions, charges us with new, unfamiliar tasks, prunes and trims things from our lives that are hindering our growth, and often puts us in new environments and living situations that only He knows will cause us to flourish and mature. Change is never easy, but it is necessary and life-sustaining.

However, the real heart of this life lesson came clear when I thought about the effect one of these plants is going to have outside of the walls of Jesus' Right Hand. It will be living on a plant stand in my 90-year-old mother's window, filling an empty spot that was once the home of a plant she had for many, many years. It will remind her every day of the son-in-law she misses so much, and bring her memories of the Godly peace that David carried with him everywhere he went. It's as if this little plant is on a missionary journey of peace to bring comfort and joy to whomever sees it. I don't know what will come of the other two little plants yet. I'm sure the time will come when their roots fill their new pots, and they will need to be divided once again to embark on their new missions of life. Only God knows. But wherever their adventures take them, the love, joy, and beauty they bring will spread far beyond the ledge in the east window of Jesus' Right Hand. For where there was only one, now there are four. And they are healthy, vibrant, and growing wherever they have been planted. This gives us hope in our lives.

I pray you are encouraged by these words. We're here for you in whatever you are facing today. We will be glad to pray with you, hug your neck, or even just listen if you need to talk. We are all just blooming where we have been planted, and we praise God that He has done that.

In His Love and Service,  
Jesus' Right Hand



## Gertrude Ellen (Baker) Benedict

Gertrude Ellen (Baker) Benedict, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away at her home in New Virginia, Iowa, on December 3, 2023. She was born on February 25, 1925, in Lucas County, Iowa. With her passing at the age of 98, she leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

She was united in marriage to Kenneth Lloyd Benedict on November 3, 1944 in Troy, Kansas and they became the parents of four children, Beverly, Lloyd, Wesley and Roger.

Gertrude was a devoted farm wife helping Kenneth with many tasks along the way including milking the cows and raising chickens. She also dedicated her life to education and took pride in her work as a librarian. She began her education in the country schools of southern Iowa, graduated from Winterset High School and later continued at Iowa State Teacher's College in Cedar Falls, now known as UNI. She had the privilege of sharing her knowledge and passion for books with countless students and adults alike throughout her years of service to the I-35 Community Schools and the City of New Virginia.

Outside of her professional life, Gertrude had a wide range of interests. She was a longtime resident of Madison and Warren Counties in Iowa and enjoyed exploring the beauty of her surroundings. She loved to travel and had taken memorable trips, including a European tour and a journey through the Panama Canal. She was particularly proud of having flown over the North Pole. Gardening brought her joy, and her flower garden was a reflection of her nurturing spirit. Gertrude was always ready for an adventure and gladly embraced new experiences.

In her community, Gertrude found friendship and companionship. For many years, she would meet her friends at Crouse Cafe, where she would order her favorite breakfast of one pancake and one sausage. She would also gather with fellow I-35 retirees for luncheons at Lakeside Casino. Gertrude was a member of the Red Hat Society, the New Virginia Garden Club, and the Do-Ceola Square Dancing Club, where she danced alongside her beloved husband, Kenneth. Ballroom dancing was another passion that brought her immense joy.

Gertrude is preceded in death by her parents Jasper and Bertha Baker, her brothers Arden and Jasper Baker, her sisters Opal Fletcher, Nova Giles, Evadna Baker, Leah Wallace, and Irma Lee Newton, her son-in-law, George Jones, and grandson-in-law, Mike Burkhead. Although she has left this earthly world, her memory will forever be cherished by those who knew and loved her.

Gertrude is survived by her daughter, Beverly Jones of Sumner, Iowa, her sons, Lloyd (Christine) Benedict of St. Charles, Iowa, Wesley (Sheryl) Benedict of Truro, Iowa, and Roger (Kathy) Benedict of Indianola, Iowa, 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. Her love and guidance will continue to live on through her family, who were deeply blessed by her presence in their lives.

Services to honor Gertrude's life were held on Friday, December 8, 2023. Visitation took place at the New Virginia United Methodist Church. A service celebrating her life followed, also at the New Virginia United Methodist Church. Gertrude was laid to rest at the New Virginia Cemetery in New Virginia, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to the New Virginia United Methodist Church. This gesture will help honor Gertrude's abiding faith and support the community she held dear.



## Sharon James

Sharon James, 65, of St. Charles, Iowa, passed away peacefully at home, with her loving family, after a long battle with cancer. A Rosary was recited on Wednesday, December 13 at Overton Funeral Home in Indianola, with visitation following. A Funeral Mass was held on December 14, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys, with burial following at St. Charles Cemetery.

More than anything, Sharon loved spending time with her family. She was a tremendous, patient and loving mother to six kids. She spent years running kids to practices, following them to games, and sending them off to Boy Scout trips. She made the best meals for family dinners and had an incredible ability to show love through acts of service. She enjoyed long car rides with her husband throughout the country. They spent time traveling to Amish stores and orchards. She loved canning and sharing her creations with everyone, playing daily Scrabble with her husband and driving the golf cart for him, spending time at home with family and pets and enjoyed life in the country. She enjoyed working for 25 years as a postmaster with the United States Postal Service. She will be deeply missed by all.

Sharon is survived by her husband, William "Bill" James; children, Daniel (Margaret) Llewellyn, Bryan (Robin) Llewellyn, David (Shala) Llewellyn, Jeremy James (Carly), Marie (Juan) Rodriguez, and Shannon James; and nine grandchildren, and a host of extended family.

Sharon was preceded in death by her grandparents Edna (Hazel) and Bill Buckingham, Thomas and Marjorie Smith, and sister Norma Smith.

Memorials, in her memory, may be given to Iowa Right to Life. To sign an online condolence, visit our website at [www.overtonfunerals.com](http://www.overtonfunerals.com).

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## David E. Rockey

David E. Rockey, son of Harry J. Rockey and Bessie Loree (Christensen) Rockey, was born March 31, 1947, and entered the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ peacefully on December 6, 2023, at Madison County Hospital in Hospice Care. Dave graduated from Interstate 35 High School in 1965. He was united in marriage to Vicki Crow, the love of his life, on September 23, 1967, at the Truro Christian Church in Truro, IA. Dave was in the Army Reserves. Dave loved people and helping others in everyday life. He not only had a ministry serving at churches, but he also served as a peace officer, working for the Phoenix Police Department for 30 years. He was a foster parent for 17 years to 27 children who had no father in their life.

Dave enjoyed welding, blacksmithing, collecting antiques, hunting, farming and mowing, spending time with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of the Blacksmith Artist Association and a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in St. Charles, serving on the deacon board at the church and many other ministries for his Lord and Savior.

He loved going on adventures with good friends and getting together with classmates and friends. Dave loved going to the Iowa State Fair eating his way through it. He enjoyed going to auctions, always finding a bargain. He loved date nights with his wife, Vicki. Dave and Vicki enjoyed summers in Iowa and winters in Arizona.

Dave was proceeded in death by his parents, his sister, Mary Rockey, and infant son, Michael Rockey.

David leaves to cherish his memory, wife, Vicki (Crow) Rockey of Truro, IA and Phoenix, AZ. Siblings: Herb (Marguerite) Rockey of Kennewick, WA, Marcia Thoren of Des Moines, IA, Norm (Joanne) Rockey of Truro, IA. Children: Alan (Amanda) Rockey of St. Marys, IA, Melissa (John Pierce) Rockey of Chandler, AZ, Aaron Rockey of Phoenix, AZ, Kyle Rockey (fiancé Amanda) of Peoria, AZ. Grandchildren: Austin Bohannon of Chandler, AZ, Abigail (fiancé Tyler Grandlich) Hepner of Mesa, AZ, Daniel Hepner of Chandler, AZ, Blaze Rockey of Peoria, AZ, Zachary Capps, Lauren Capps, and Jacob Capps, Maverick Rockey and Sawyer Rockey of St. Marys, IA. Great-grandchildren: Aiden Bohannon of Mesa, AZ and Lilah Bohannon of Phoenix, AZ, as well as many nieces and nephews and close friends.

The family greeted friends on Sunday, December 10, 2023, at Calvary Baptist Church. Services were held at the Calvary Baptist Church on Monday December 11, 2023. Interment followed the service at the Peru Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Calvary Baptist Church, or the Pink Tractor Foundation. Online condolences may be directed to the family at [www.kalefuneralhome.com](http://www.kalefuneralhome.com).





# Sandra Hilton

Four score and seven years ago (November 7, 1936), Sandra June Wickett completed Richard Rudolph and Wava Pauline (Proudfoot) Wickett’s family by joining two-year-old Evadna Leone. Growing up on the farm, Sandra enjoyed riding horses and being in the Boys 4-H Club to show cattle at the Warren County Fair. In school, she played basketball as a forward, played trumpet in the band, and participated in operettas and plays. She graduated as the valedictorian of New Virginia High School Class of 1955.

Sandra moved to Indianola with Mary Jean (Keller) Hatcher who has been a lifelong friend. They did secretarial work at Aetna in downtown Des Moines.

It was Sandra’s boss who used the Bible to show Sandra that she was a sinner in need of a Savior, Jesus. She had been in church but never had asked Jesus to be her Savior. Because of this only, we know she is in heaven with her Savior (Romans 10:9-13). What a difference this decision made in her life.

On a cold February 14, 1960, with snow drifted higher than the cars, she married Gerald “Jerry” Francis Hilton. They made their home on 54th Street in Des Moines. April 1, 1961, they found out that she had multiple sclerosis. September 17, their son Bradley Francis was born. He never came home from the hospital and passed a week later. In 1962, they moved back to New Virginia to the home Sandra had lived in as a toddler. From 1964 - 1975 they owned one half of the New Virginia Hardware. Jerry was responsible for heating and plumbing, Paul did electrical, and Sandra and Evadna manned the store. In 1967, Stephanie Dawn joined the family.

Jerry and Sandra became members of the Evangelical Free Church of New Virginia which later became Grace Baptist Church. Over the years, Sandra taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and AWANA. She was the Church Historian and was responsible for setting the communion table until she left New Virginia. She and Jerry hosted many Pastors, Evangelists, and Missionaries in their home for meals and provided a bed for a single night or a whole week, whatever was needed. They hosted youth group actives in their home, also. Sandra custom-made birthday cards and was known for her ability to write letters that made the reader feel like they were having a conversation. She could be seen peddling around town on her blue bicycle alone or with her family. Karen Taylor, Clyta Howell and Sandra formed a pantomime group, performing to the Ink Spots for Old Settlers and other events, including the Iowa State Fair.

Sandra was always up for adventure. After they left the hardware in 1972, Sandra was a stay-at-home mother. She planted a garden every year and canned what it produced. She, also, put up grape juice, apples, currents, gooseberries, and rhubarb. She helped with Stephanie’s classroom parties and field trips in elementary and chaperoned high school band trips. She attended all of Stephanie’s activities. During this time, she took in mending and sold Amway and Shaklee; she could be seen making her rounds in her 1950 Chevy. In 1985 she went back to work through a company that did inventory. She was a numbers person and would pass the time when she had to wait for an appointment by counting the ceiling tiles or vehicles out the window or anything else around. She eventually left that job as it was mostly evenings and overnights. She hired on through a temporary agency which provided a variety of experiences. She retired in 2001 erican Salon Circulation in Indianola where she sold hair style books to beauticians and barbers. She often received awards for her salesmanship.

Sandra loved her grandchildren and enjoyed any opportunity she had to be with them from birthday parties to watching their sporting activities. She wanted to be with them more, but her physical limitations prevented her from doing so. One thing that wasn’t limited by MS was praying for them.

Jerry and Sandra liked to travel around Iowa and the United States. They had been to many states and had hoped to see more. Their travel plans came to an end due to Sandra’s MS worsening and Jerry’s death in April 2005. In October of 2005, she moved to Osceola Nursing & Rehab. They built a new facility, Southern Hill Specialty Care, in December of 2008. She lived in the same room and was the last resident from ON&R until her passing. While there, she participated in the activities (especially if music was involved) and was always working on word searches. Sandra enjoyed being able to visit with the staff and residents. Over the years, she became a favorite of the staff because she showed interest in them by asking about their lives and was thankful for what they did for her. As a young woman she had developed a habit of reading the Bible and praying each morning. This showed in her life by her thankful attitude, kindness, and patience.

Preceding Sandra in death were Jerry and Bradley; Richard and Wava Wickett; Evadna (Paul) Keller; sisters-in-law Billie Lou Davidson and Barbara (Jake) Kimzey.

She leaves to cherish her memory daughter Stephanie (Terry) Bundt of Leon; grandsons, Brogan Bundt of Lamoni, Ethan Bundt of Leon; granddaughter, Leighanna Bundt of Leon; brother-in-law, Steve (Christine) Hilton of Indianola; sister-in-law, Lynn (Charlie) Long of Indianola; her sister’s children Jack (Sharon) Keller and Paula (Tim) Williams of Indianola and Richard Keller of New Virginia; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Services for Sandra were held at Kale Funeral Home in Osceola on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Prior to the funeral, the family received friends from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at Kale Funeral Home. For those unable to attend, a live stream of the service was available at [www.kalefuneralhome.com](http://www.kalefuneralhome.com) on Sandra’s tribute wall starting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday. Interment took place at the New Virginia Cemetery.

In remembrance of Sandra’s vibrant spirit and kind heart, memorial contributions may be made to her family to establish a fitting tribute in her honor. Online condolences can be directed to the family at [www.kalefuneralhome.com](http://www.kalefuneralhome.com).

Sandra June Hilton’s memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her. May her inspiring life serve as a reminder to us all to embrace love, cherish our loved ones, and make a positive impact in the world around us.

## CRANBERRY SURPRISE PIE

2 C. fresh cranberries (a 12-oz. pkg.can be used; pie plate will be very full)

½ C. sugar (use a little more if using more than 2 C. cranberries)

½ C. nuts (chopped, walnuts or pecans)

2 eggs

1 C. sugar

1 C. flour

½ C. margarine (melted)

¼ C. shortening (melted)

Grease 10-inch pie plate. Rinse and sort cranberries. Spread cranberries over bottom of pie plate. Sprinkle ½ C. sugar (or more) and ½ C. nuts over cranberries. In separate bowl, beat eggs well and add 1 C. sugar. Beat until thoroughly mixed. Add flour, margarine and shortening. Beat well. Pour the batter over cranberries and nuts. Spread evenly. Bake at 325° for 45-50 minutes until crust is golden brown.





How did the Christmas season get here so quickly? We have gotten through Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday, and now we can enjoy how pretty our homes look, filled with our Christmas decorations. It is a joy to drive through our neighborhoods to see the Christmas lights and decorations. Our outdoor decorations are not extravagant. We have a wreath on the front door and a wooden sled decoration next to the door. Mel hung a decoration on each of our two pineapple palm trees consisting of a white star and nine streamers of lights that cascade to the ground from a height of eight feet. The lights alternate among several settings – multi-color, either steady or blinking; steady or blinking blue and green; and steady or blinking red and yellow. It is quite flashy!

Just as in communities everywhere, Sun Lakes offers many events in December to help us get into the spirit of Christmas. We enjoyed a wonderful concert by the Sun Lakes Chorale held at the nearby Methodist Church. There were 66 persons listed in the Chorale, and I know five of them from the Sun Lakes Community Theatre group. There were about 500 people in attendance, a fully-packed church. They beautifully sang 12 familiar and not-so-familiar Christmas songs, accompanied by a piano and percussion instruments. A fun part of the evening was the audience sing-along of White Christmas and an original, “Arizona Jingle Bells.”

The annual golf cart parades are quite fun events, and hundreds of people participate, either driving their decorated carts in the parades, watching them pass by or looking at them close up after they assemble in the country club parking lot. The first parade on December 1 started in the Palo Verde sector of Sun Lakes and progressed into the Cottonwood sector, which is where we live. Every year, my brother Bill decorates his yellow golf cart with colorful and blinking lights and other decorations. The golf cart is the shape of a 1939 Ford, designed by Boyd Coddington and carries four people, but no golf bags. After my brother Jim moved to Sun Lakes, he participated as well, as Santa, since he had a very full white beard and mustache. Bill’s decorations had gotten quite extravagant, including a decorated trailer behind the cart, with Santa in a giant chair (with over 500 lights) built onto a motorized wheelchair which could be rolled to the ground via a power, remote-operated loading ramp. Many a lady and dog sat on Santa’s lap as he regaled everyone with hearty HO, HO, HO’s. Bill won first place in the judging four times. Although Bill had down-sized his decorations this year, with only 800 lights on the cart, no trailer and Santa in the back seat instead of in his giant chair, they had a fun time. Our friend Renee always sits in the front with Bill, encourages ladies to visit Santa, and takes pictures. The decorations on many of the carts were extremely creative. I am sure that the judges had a hard time selecting the winners. The second parade was December 15 in the Phase 1 sector where my brothers and “snowbird” friends live, and it was a sight to behold as well.

Our church held a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on December 10 which I attended. It was very nice, and our pastor thanked all of the volunteers in the approximately 30 ministries in our church. The St. Vincent de Paul conference at our church is quite active, and on December 12, I went with seven other ladies to the St. Vincent de Paul main campus in Phoenix where we made peanut butter sandwiches to be distributed to the homeless and other persons in need of food. Our work shift was two hours, and we filled enough sandwich bags to fill eight large “banana boxes” to the tops. Mel accompanied me to a lunch at a restaurant on December 14 where I met many members of the Friends of the Library, which I recently joined. So it has been a busy month, even aside from our decorating and writing out 100 Christmas cards.

The Sun Lakes Community Theatre, of which I am a member, performed a comedy, Rex’s Exes, in November. The director knew of my willingness to help with costumes for the SLCT plays, and she asked me to be the “seamstress” for the 12 cast members. Many in the cast needed no help, but I sewed or altered nine items for five of the cast.

My brother Tom and wife Gwen will be here for Christmas, living in their “new” home in Phase 1, with just one house between them and Bill. We expect to have a fun Christmas with all of my brothers and friends.

Mel and I wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!



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Pastor: Jeremy Kidder  
641-764-2491

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Sunday Worship 9:00 am

Bible Study: 10:30 am

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Cell 515-669-5519

Sunday School: 9:30 am

Sun Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sun Evening Worship 5:30 pm

Cubi Club & Twenty/20 - 5:30 pm

Adult Endeavor - 6:00 pm

Wed Bible Study & Youth Classes 7 pm

Grace Baptist Church

304 Knotts Street

New Virginia, IA 50210

Pastor Michael Mattson

www.gbcnv.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Thursday Evening:

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St Charles Parish

305 W Main St PO Box 208

St Charles, IA 50240

Pastor: Darin Feikema

641-396-2441

www.saintcharlesparish.org

Sunday School 9 am

Worship Service 9:45 am

Fellowship time: 11 am

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155 E Garfield Box 17 Truro, IA 50257

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New Virginia United Methodist Church

301 West Street / Box 301

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Church email: NewVA-Medora@outlook.com

Sunday Worship: 10:30 AM

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Peru Worship 9:00 am

Murray Worship 10:30 am

